



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407

THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Saint Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue
Union City, PA 16438

January 1, 2023



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:19

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY & ZIP _____
PHONE _____

☐ St. Thomas the Apostle ☐ St. Teresa of Avila

Please drop this information into Offertory Basket or mail to Parish Office.

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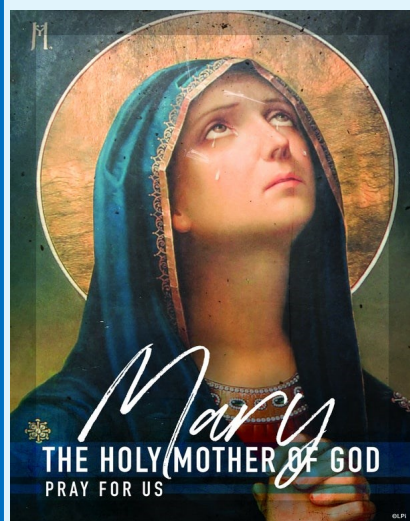
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Coordinator of St. Teresa Cemetery
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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
www.stthomastheapostle.church

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish
www.st-teresa-unioncity.org

Partnered Parish Offices
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
814-663-3041

Partnered Parish Office Hours
Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm
Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm noon
Friday: Closed



How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God

shows us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.



Monday, January 2

8:00a.m. ✠Sherry Davis by Bruce & Kathleen Byers (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, January 3

5:15p.m. ✠Larry Burrows by Joanne and Lind Brown (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, January 4

8:00a.m. ✠William & Harriet Jeffords by Richard & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, January 5

No Mass or Service at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa today.

Friday, January 6

8:00a.m. ✠Jim Hiltabidel by Michael Marchini (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, January 7

4:00p.m. ✠Deacon Bill Sproveri by Deacon Dennis & Lynn Kudlak (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, January 8—Epiphany of the Lord

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. ✠Special Intentions by Katherine Young (St. Teresa, Union City)

Completing your 2022 CSA Pledge

We are grateful to everyone who made a pledge to the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal at both of our parishes. Just a reminder, we ask that you please consider paying off any remaining balances owed on your 2022 CSA pledge soon. The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal will begin in mid-February. Thank you for your continued generosity!

WELCOME

If you are new to our Parishes, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find here a place where your faith will be nourished.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New Parishioners are welcome to register by completing the form on the front of the bulletin and returning it to the Offertory Collection or the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a Baptism.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish office at least six months in advance to schedule a Wedding.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the Parish office know of anyone in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, or anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would desire weekly Holy Communion to be brought to them.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are offered at the following times/locations: 3:00pm—3:30pm on Saturdays at St. Thomas Church, Corry and/or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (when Mass is celebrated that evening); and other times by request made to the parish office.

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: December 18, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (61)\$2,099.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 126)
Loose\$121.06
Online Giving (10)\$340.00
Christmas Flower Fund (45)\$808.00
Total Offertory Income\$3,368.06

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-4,287.94)

Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.

Please write checks to St. Thomas Church.

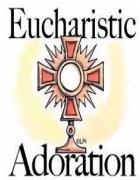
If checks are to go to our parish cemeteries—please make them to St. Thomas Cemetery or St. Elizabeth Cemetery.

Thank you.



Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at

www.StThomastheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Thursday, January 5 and goes until Friday, January 6 at Saint Thomas Church. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00am on Thursday and ends at 8:00am Friday morning.** All are welcome.

We are always looking for more 'adorers', so if you can commit to one hour a month to be with Our Lord, please call the parish.



Corry Knights of Columbus Meeting—January 10th

Brother Knights of Corry Council #425 will meet at 6:30pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. We hope you will join us.

Marriage Moment

As we transition to a new year, many people make resolutions to start new positive habits. Maybe you're already satisfied with your marriage, but there's always room for deepening your love. Pick 1 new action – perhaps a daily honest compliment, a favor, praying together... OK, even if only once a week feels doable, DO IT.



Parenting Pointers

Feast of the Holy Family. St. Paul encourages us to "put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... forgiving one another...peace, gratitude." (Colossians 3:17) Discuss which of these virtues best fits each person in your family.



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944), Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-663-3753).

Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of January 1st burns in honor of our Lord and His Blessed Mother, Mary.



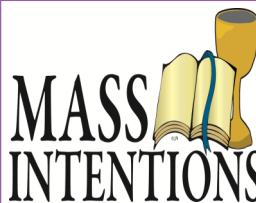
Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Richard (Dick) McKeta who was buried recently from Saint Thomas Parish. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Mass Readings for the Week of January 1, 2023

Sun.: Numbers 6:22-27 ♦ Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a) ♦ Galatians 4:4-7 ♦ Luke 2:16-21
 Mon.: 1 John 2:22-28 ♦ Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4 ♦ John 1:19-28
 Tues.: 1 John 2:29—3:6 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 ♦ John 1:29-34
 Wed.: 1 John 3:7-10 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 ♦ John 1:35-42
 Thur.: 1 John 3:11-21 ♦ Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 ♦ John 1:43-51
 Fri.: 1 John 5:5-13 ♦ Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 ♦ Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
 Sat.: 1 John 5:14-21 ♦ Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b ♦ John 2:1-11
 Next Sun.: Isaiah 60:1-6 ♦ Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11) ♦ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 ♦ Matthew 2:1-1

Homebound Ministry at St. Thomas Church

If you have a family member who is not able to make it to Mass due to health reason and would like to be visited and receive the Eucharist, please call Pat at 814-964-3262 or the parish office.



Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

When wishing to schedule Mass Intentions for your loved ones, whether the Mass is to be said at St. Thomas Church, St. Teresa Church, or Our Lady of Fatima Church, please contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 814-663-3041 to schedule your intentions. We will now be scheduling all intentions in one book. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. Thank you.

"Question of the Week" - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Question for Children: What do you want to tell others about Mary?

Question for Youth: What can you learn from Mary that will help you grow closer to Jesus?

Question for Adults: When the shepherds encountered Jesus, their lives changed forever. How has your relationship with Jesus changed your life?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Dec. 17/18 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (57) \$2,170.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 100)
Loose \$105.86
Continuing the Vision \$0.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,275.86

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Dec. 18, 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$2,260.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)
Total Offertory Income \$2,260.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$4,535.86
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-241.14)

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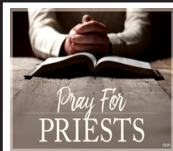
Christmas Flower Envelopes: (46) \$840.00

Early Submission Deadlines for Bulletin Items

The holidays are upon us and with it comes early deadlines for the bulletins. Please see the following schedule:

For Jan. 8, 2023; bulletin items due by Jan. 2, 2023

Please send items for publication to the parish office at secretary@stparish.org. All bulletin items are subject to approval and editing for content and space. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you for your cooperation with these deadlines.

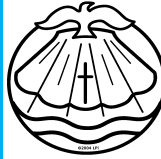


Rev. James Piszker, Rev. Robert Manning,
 Rev. John Santor, Rev. Ross Miceli,
 Rev. Christopher Barnes, Rev. Edward Walk
Continue to Pray for Vocations



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of January 1st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Dorothy Mongera.

You may sponsor the candle at St. Teresa in memory/honor of a loved one for \$10, please call the parish office if you wish to do so. Thank you.



Recent Baptism

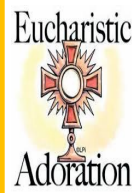
With joy, we welcome into the family of God and the Church, Ellie Mae Wetzel, daughter of David Wetzel and Kiara Salusky who was baptized on December 25, 2022 at Saint Teresa Church. *May God pour out His blessings on her, her parents, and godparents.*

St. Teresa Rosary Altar Meeting Next Sunday

St. Teresa Rosary Altar members will meet on Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 1:00pm in the St. Teresa Parish Center. This will be a meeting and party for our members. Please be sure to mark your calendar and we hope you will join us.

Thank You for Donating to Our Giving Tree

We wish to thank everyone who took at tag from our parish's Giving Tree this Christmas season. We are grateful that many of you shared your blessings with others. Thank you for helping to make this Christmas brighter for someone else. *May the spirit of Christmas continue to live in your hearts throughout the New Year!*



Eucharistic Adoration at St. Teresa THIS WEEK

Our parish will hold Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, January 6. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8:00am Mass and continues until 12:00pm (noon).** All are welcome to join us anytime during Adoration. If you wish to commit to one hour a month to be with Our Lord, please call the parish.

In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy and entities such as parishes and schools, will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use the contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

- Rosary—Altar Society**
Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM
- Knights of Columbus**
Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM
- Religious Education Guild**
Meets during the school term

“LET IT BE
 DONE UNTO
 ME ACCORDING
 TO YOUR WORD.”

- ST. MARY





Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Religious Education Classes

Classes are Sundays following Mass. Students in Corry attend class from 8:45am until 10:00am in the former school building. Union City students attend class from 10:45am until 12:00pm (noon) at St. Teresa Parish Center.



Class Schedule for January

Sunday, January 1—New Year's Day / No Class
 Sunday, January 8—Class
 Sunday, January 15—Class
 Sunday, January 22—Class
 Sunday, January 29—Class / Youth Mass today
 Sunday, February 5—No Class

Special Retreat for Young Adults (Aged 19–35)

The Diocese of Erie is sponsoring a five-day retreat for college age and young adults under the age of 35 from January 4-8, 2023. The retreat will be at the Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center, 2067 Evergreen Rd, Pulaski, Pennsylvania. Applications are being accepted but space is limited. For more information contact either organizers, Jillian Zaczek at jzaczek@eriercd.org or Dave Roncolato at droncola@allegheny.edu. The application for the retreat can be found at <https://www.eriercd.org/youth/silentretreat.html>.

45TH ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST



Patricia Sandoval is an international pro-life speaker in high demand. She travels the world sharing the story of her three abortions, work behind the hidden doors of Planned Parenthood, and nearly three years as a homeless drug addict.

GUEST SPEAKER **PATRICIA SANDOVAL**

Autobiography: *Transfigured*
 Former Planned Parenthood Worker

January 14, 2023 9 A.M.
 Bayfront Convention Center
 Erie, Pennsylvania

See you at the Breakfast!

Reservations...\$22

Ages 3-12...\$14 • Under 3...Free

Reservations due by January 6
 Earlier reservations appreciated

Reservations are required. Please mail name(s), address, and phone number with a check payable to "People for Life" or visit our website to use a credit or debit card.

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www.PeopleforLife.org

MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON, DC JANUARY 20, 2023

"Next Steps: Marching in a Post-Roe America"

50TH ANNUAL TRIP

Board the buses Thursday evening, January 19, 11 p.m.

March in Washington, DC on Friday, January 20

Return Saturday morning, January 21 about 1:30 a.m.

- ✓ People for Life's Golden Anniversary Bus Trip
- ✓ Limited number of buses: Make reservations early.
- ✓ \$65 / seat
- ✓ \$5 discount until December 19
Early registrations help us finalize the correct number of buses.
- ✓ Sponsorship inquiries are welcome!
- ✓ Call or e-mail to learn more.

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